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To All County Medical Services Program (CMSP) County Welfare Directors

Subject IMPACT OF DELIBERATE DISQUALIFICATION FROM MEDI-CAL

The purpose of this letter is to remind participating County Medical Services Program (CMSP) counties that individuals who are either applicants for or eligible beneficiaries of the Medi-Cal program, may not deliberately disqualify themselves from Medi-Cal, and later be determined eligible for the CMSP. The CMSP Eligibility Manual clearly states in Article 3, Section 0140 that "a person's eligibility shall be determined under the CMSP if that person: ...cannot meet the Medi-Cal eligibility requirements...." While any person who wishes may apply for the CMSP, an individual who, for instance;

has refused without good cause to cooperate with the District Attorney in establishing paternity.

has failed to comply with the AFDC, GAIN work requirements.

is potentially disabled, who refuses or fails to follow through in the disability evaluation determination process.

could be eligible for Medi-Cal and would not, therefore, be eligible for the CMSP. These are examples of potential disqualification from Medi-Cal that should not be allowed CMSP. These examples are merely illustrative and not intended to be all inclusive.

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This letter supersedes CMSP letter 95-7 dated October 31, 1995 with the addition of item number three. This is the only copy your county will receive. Please copy and circulate to staff as necessary. If you should have any questions regarding this letter please contact Ms. Paulette Quam, of my staff, at (916) 322-1613.

Sincerely,

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